IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Sweeney, Patrick J.

Title: VERTEBRAL PROSTHESIS

Appl. No.: 10/686,998

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Examiner: Miller, Cheryl L.

Art Unit: 3738

Conf. No.: 7428

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[X] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

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[X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims				Extra				
	As		Previously		Claims				Additional
	Amended		Paid For		Present		Rate		Claims Fee
Total Claims:	33	-	70	=	0	X	\$52.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	7	-	8	=	0	x	\$220.00	= -	\$0.00
First p	presentation of	of an	y Multiple I	Depen	dent Claims:	+	\$390.00	=	\$0.00
					CLAIMS	FEE	TOTAL	=	\$0.00

[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[] Extension for response filed within the second month: \$490.00 \$0.00 [] Extension for response filed within the third month: \$1,110.00 \$0.00 [] Extension for response filed within the fourth month: \$1,730.00 \$0.00 [] Extension for response filed within the fifth month: \$2,350.00 \$0.00 [] Extension for response filed within the fifth month: \$2,350.00 \$0.00 [] Extension Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d): \$140.00 \$0.00 CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL: \$0.00 [X] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): \$0.00 Extension Fees Previously Paid: \$0.00 TOTAL FEE: \$0.00	[] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$130.00	\$0.00	
Extension for response filed within the fourth month: \$1,730.00 \$0.00 [] Extension for response filed within the fifth month: \$2,350.00 \$0.00 EXTENSION FEE TOTAL: \$0.00 [] Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d): \$140.00 CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL: \$0.00 [X] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): \$0.00 Extension Fees Previously Paid: \$0.00	[] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$490.00	\$0.00	
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL: \$0.00 Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d): \$140.00 CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL: \$0.00 [X] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): \$0.00 Extension Fees Previously Paid: \$0.00	[] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,110.00	\$0.00	
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL: \$0.00 [] Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d): \$140.00 CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL: \$0.00 [X] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): \$0.00 Extension Fees Previously Paid: \$0.00	[] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,730.00	\$0.00	
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CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL: \$0.00 [X] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): \$0.00 Extension Fees Previously Paid: \$0.00	EXTENSIO	N FEE TOTAL:	\$0.00	
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Extension Fees Previously Paid: \$0.00	CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIME	R FEE TOTAL:	\$0.00	
<u> </u>	[X] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			
TOTAL FEE: \$0.00	Extension Fees Previously Paid:			
		TOTAL FEE:	\$0.00	

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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Respectfully submitted,

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